hundred thousand dollars a year, or even half that sum, it is a poor answer to his claim for an ex-tension to say that he has received eight thou-sand dollars; an answer which few, except the igners of these charges, would ever think of pre-

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The seventh and tenth charges allege that Chaffee's patent was illegally extended for the beenfit of Assignees, and not, as the law contemplates, for the benefit of the inventor.

In reply, it is sufficient to state that the facts of the case were decided according to the evidence, and not according to the statements of Mr. Day and his coadjutors. But no such facts as alleged. and his coadjutors. But no such facts as alleged berein were proved. If Mr. Chaffee had made a contract for the sale of the extended patent, it is contract for the sale of the extended patent, it is
to be hoped he will receive the value of his contract, which will be for his own benefit. It will be
perceived by the examination of the arguments
filed by the counsel of the opposers that they did
not pretend there was any ground for the allegation in this charge, which, if substantiated, would
have defeated the extension.

In regard to this not of the Commissioner, it is
due to him to state that this case was universally

him to state that this case was universally regarded by the examiners and all others in the office, familiar with the facts, as a remarkably clear case for extension.

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The cighth charge alleges that the Commissioner had not read the testimony, arguments, &c. in the case prior to granting the extension.

If the facts were as charged it would imply no neglect of duty. The first section of the act of 1848 directs the Commissioner to procure a fall of the commissioner to procu report of the case from the examiner, and "thereupon" grant or refuse the extension, &c. Such
a report was furnished by the examiner, and it
would have been perfectly legal and proper to
grant the extension "thereupon," as the law authorizes you to do. But I know the allegation to
be utterly false, as I spent many days with you
at the same table, reading with you, and for you,
and otherwise aiding you, while you were making notes of the testimony in this case. I know,
therefore, that you did examine the case with the
utmost care.
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in the matter followed neither the laws, rules, nor report of the case from the examiner, and

The ninth charge alleges that the Commissioner in the matter followed neither the laws, rules, nor the practice of the Fatent Office.

In relation to this charge I can state, having had the case constantly under my own charge during its pendency, that the whole proceedings on the part of the office were perfectly fair, and violated neither the law, the rules, nor the practice of the office. Some new points arose in the case, which were disposed of, in the absence of rules, in the most impartial manner; and I can safely rethe most impartial manner; and I can safely re-mark that no honest man in the trade, or acquaint-ed with the subject, denies that Chaffee is the first inventor of the improvement patented to him, or pretends that the compensation he received for it bore any reasonable proportion to its reasonable proportion to its reasonable proportion. ore any reasonable proportion to its value. In conclusion, I will remark that the testimony

In conclusion, I will remark that the testimony in this case rendered it perfectly clear that Chaffee was the first inventor of the improvement patented to him; that the invention was vastly important and useful to the public; and that he had failed, in consequence of circumstances beyond his control, to obtain a fair remuneration for his invention, and was therefore clearly entitled under the other transfer of the patents and

his control, to obtain a fair remuneration for his invention, and was therefore clearly entitled under the statute to an extension of his patent; and I may add that the opposition to the extension has come almost exclusively from those who for years have been pirating the invention.

Respectfully submitted, L. D. GALE, Examiner. Hon. Thos. Ewrank, Commissioner of Patents.

P. S. It will be perceived that the rules for taking testimony in litigated cases before this office require the party to give neffect to the opposing party of the time and place of taking the same; and is order that the applicant for the extension may give this notice, it is necessary that he extension may give this notice, it is necessary that he extension may give this notice, it is necessary that he extension may give this notice, it is necessary that he extension may give this notice, it is necessary that he extension may give the specing party is. As no case had previoually occurred requiring a rule on this point, the subject had been overlooked by your preficenssors, and no rule was found. An order was therefore adopted to meet the exigency, that the opposing party is hould, within a reasonable time, notify she office of his intention to oppose, and of his grounds of opposition, and that the applicant should be informed of the same, that he might know to whom notice should be sent in taking testimony. For without such notice the testimony, according to the pre-existing rules, would be raised out. The ceurse thus pursued is too obviously fair to jestify comment.

With this single exception, the case was conducted in all vespects in the ordinary way, and precisely in accordance with rules where they existed, and in accordance with the rule in analogous cases where no rules had been provided. A clearer case than Chaffee's for extension it has never been my lot to examine. The paipable falsehoods and misrepresentations contained in the clearings are no numerous to be noticed here. But many of them are noticed in pencil and subsequently ink

## THE ARCTIC EXPEDITION. The Expedition in Search of Sir John Frank-

lin-The Advance and Rescue in the Arctic Seu-Letter from W. P. Snow, Esq.
[Mr. Henry Grinnell, the owner of the Advance and
Rescue, has kindly furnished us with the following letter, giving the latest information received from them. Ed. Trib. 8 CLIFTON TERRACE, WEST BROMFTON, LONDON . Monday, Dec. 23, 1850

DEAR SIR: With very great pleasure do I sit down at once to answer your kind letter received by last mail. I will take it in order as it stands, and endeavor to give yourself and all of those generous and friendly hearts in America who interest themselves about the Arctic Expeditions, as copious and explanatory account of everything relating to your two vessels, wherein my humble self was concerned, as I possibly can. My published Journal-which will be sent to you by this mail-contains a somewhat minute detail of our visit to the Advance, but a few other particulars not printed, which I gather from my note-book

and from memory, may prove acceptable to you It was on the 1st of August, at midnight, in lat-25° 18', and long: 60° 30', that I was in the "Crow's Nest," enjoying one of those beautiful scenes that are occasionally presented in that quiet hour in the Arctic Regions. We were then close beset in a heavy pack, nor could I perceive a single opening in the direction we wished to proceed. It was a lovely night, calm and clear; and with the sun still shining with a softened luster npon the vast body of ice under the enchanting influence of prismatic action exposed before me To the north west I could see Capt. Austin's and Capt. Penny's vessels, also close beset, about eight or nine miles from us. To the east and north-east appeared a few rugged peaks of land; while the wondrous glaciers, extending for miles and miles in longth and breadth, seemed to cover and miles in length and breadth, seemed to cover all else of lerra firma. Turning my eye to the south and south-east, I beheld the berg's between which and along which we had been for the last fortnight making way. While looking at them, to my astonishment I perceived two strange sail evidently forcing through those intricate passages with the intention of stretching in for the land floe, alongside of which a small lane of water could be faintly distinguished. Our object, also was to get to this land floe and take advantage of the lane of water. supposed to be there running to the northward. For a moment I could hardly believe I had seen aright. and fancied I had mistaken some pieces of ice, raised by refraction, and which frequently bears the appearance of ships, for two vessels, but a long look through my glass convinced me, as I watched them passing behind some bergs and shortly reappearing. There could be no doubt, and I accordingly entered it in the Log. It was the first instance of our seeing the Advance and the first instance of our seeing the Advance and Rescue. On the 5th we had got into a large "bole" or sheet of water, and thence lost sight of them until the evening of the 23d, when, as we were standing out of Regent's Inlet, we descried a brigantine coming down, with the wind abeam, toward us. At first, we thought it was Sir John Ross, having no idea that it was possible for the two vessels we had left behind in Melville Bay to have extricated themselves so soon, unassisted by that aid we had received from the Government attenders, and which had materally assisted us: but in a short time we were undeceived. On came the brigantine, and the moment we were came the brigantine, and the moment we were near enough we could perceive the national colors of the United States—the glittering stars and stripes—proudly flaunting in broad display from the loftiest masthead. It was the first time that flag had ever appeared so far in that part of the world, and knowing it to be there on such a noble and holy cause. I could not help feeling, though an word, and knowing it to be there on such a noble and holy cause, I could not help feeling, though an Englishman devoted to my own country, a pleasure in beholding it. A short time sufficed to put Capt. Foreyth and myself on board of the stranger, and then we learned that it was the Advance, Lieut. De Haven, Commander, that received us. The particulars of our visit are detailed at length in my journal. Though I was almost worn out from want of sleep, having been already over 36 hours without once closing my eyes, and actively from want of sleep, having been already over 30 hours without once closing my eyes, and actively employed in heading parties on the search, I yet could enjoy the moment to my heating out yet.

could enjoy the moment to my heart's content.
Full of health and manly vigor, his countenance
broszed, and with a beard and moustache of the
darkset hue, Licut. De Haven, with the most ge-

nerous cordiality, welcomed us to the cabin-Dressed in the ordinary rough and moder-stely warm garb of a nautical officer, he Dressed in the ordinary rough and moder-ately warm garb of a nautical officer, he delighted me as much by his appearance as by his sailor-like and friendly bearing. Mr. Mur-olow and another officer, whose name has escaped my memory, were introduced to us with Dr. Kane. The former, if I am right in the respective persons, was of moderate hight, rather thin, and with dark hair. The second not so tall, and with a lighter complexion. Of Dr. Kane I have spoken at length in my book, as with him I had, on that visit, the most conversation. Everything that could be thought of to hospitably entertain us was intro-duced, and I shall never forget the three cheerfu hours I spent on that evening on board of the Advance in the Arctic regions. Our discourse was varied: sometimes professional, at others running back to our respective homes, to the probable fate of Franklin and his companions, to the qualities of our vessels, &c. &c. With regard to expressed intentions, Mr. DeHaven told us that he intended to push on and on wherever there was a chance presented in the right direction. Between Cape Walker and Banks's Land was, I believe, the principal quarter he looked to and should make for. The Rescue, he said, had gone on to Cape Hotham in Wellington Channel, where he intended to rejoin her. The reason of his coming to Regent's Inlet was to visit Port Leopold, and see if he could there fall in with the North Star, (of whose movements he had been informed by Sir Jno. Ross, whom he spoke off Admiralty Inlet,) and by her to send dispatches home. The infor-mation we gave him of the North Star having almation we gave him of the North Star having already left there on her return, induced him not to delay any time by a fruitless visit to Whaler Point, but hasten to rejoin his consort. He did not intend to Winteranywhere, as exploring vessels generally do, in a harbor, but to take his chance in the Pack, where, in my humble opinion, he will be able to do much better, and probably fare as well as if he had fixed himself in regular Winter quarters. A moveable bulkhead that ran sthwart the fore part of the cabin was in Winter athwart the fore part of the cabin was in Winter removed, and room thus given between decks for exercise, and the necessary increase ventilation. Other contrivances and plans already formed for the Winter were mentioned, and nothing appeared to daunt them or alloy the happi ness and contentment, unanimity and cordia which appeared to me to be existing among them They were ready to dare and brave everything The men, too, appeared all well and capable. Dr. Kane wrote an address in my pocket book, that in the event of my reaching home before him, and perchance visiting America, I might call, at his request, and state when and how I had last seen him, which I should feel great pleasure in doing if again crossing the Atlantic. The packet of let-ters was given to me to forward by the first op-portunity presenting itself, it not being known, I believe, that we intended to return, my orders from my captain being to merely state our intention of visiting Cape Hotham. As he himself was there to answer, I was, fortunately, prevented from saying anything of our own movements, more especially as I had still a hope we should remain out longer.

It was midnight when we parted; both vessels

-the Advance and P. Albert-running through streams of heavy Ice. The Advance appeared deeply laden, but her light canvas aloft would be of material service to her in a region where it is frequently found a current of air is playing above.

frequently found a current of ar is playing above, while there is none below.

On the 25th we again fell in with the Advance at Cape Riley. She was, as I have stated, close in shore, and hawsers were out to haul her off.—As I pulled in toward her I perceived an officer with some men, on a berg fixing an ice-anchor to which the hawser was attached. The berg was a medicate sized one aground, therefore well which the hawser was attached. The berg was a moderate sized one, aground, therefore well suited for the purpose, it being more off shore.—
The orders given me by Capt. Forsyth were not to delay time by going on board or holding any communication with the Advance, but to hasten to the shore and obtain any information there. The the shore and obtain any information there. The rocky nature of the projecting point of land, and my own feelings, induced me however to run close under her stern. As I neared her, Capt. De Haven in a hearty manner hailed me, and strongly pressed me to come on board. I felt extremely desirous me to come on board. I felt extremely desirous to do so, but not being my own master, I could only make an excuse and state my orders to be speedy. The next moment, however, perceiving that something was wrong, I asked what was the matter, and whether I and my boats crew could render him any service. Thanking me, he replied in the negative, again pressing me to come on board for a short time, and informing me about some traces having been found, &c. This determined me, and in another moment I was again shaking hands with your warm hearted countrymen. In the few words which passed between us, Capt. De Haven told me that the vessel had got swept in round the point, and grounded, while he was on shore examining. The currents in the Arctic seas are excessive, and ever varying, so I can seally except the Mayanca getting the miseasily account for the Advance getting the mis-bap. I again begged him to hall the Prince Al-bert, or allow me to render any assistance: but with many thanks for my offer, he declined any aid as being unneeded. He explained to me what he had seen about Capt. Ommanney's notice on Cape Riley, but it did not appear that he had found any traces himself. My men had gone forward to lend a hand at the windlass, and I was strongly invited to go below in the cabin once more; but my orders had been imperative, and thus, some-what against my inclination, I had to bid adieu, and with many sincere wishes on both sides, I parted from those whom I shall always remember with the most pleasant feelings. In another quarter hour I was on shore examining and giving directions to make as strict a search as my limited time permitted. On my return, I passed near enough to the Advance to return a friendly waive of the hand, and in another half-hour had lost with the American flag. sight of the American flag. Now, with regard to the time that it was probable

they might still find an open season, it must not be forgotten that all the vessels were then on the borders of the greatest difficulties. First, however, let me inform you that one reason which induced me to run close under the stern of the Advance, was to tell them where I had seen the "Rescue," and this I did directly I was within hail. I sang out, "You will find the 'Rescue' close in by Cape Bowden, and beset in the ice, which is pretty thick in Wellington Channel," and I added other information about the different manufacture in the standard of the control of the seen of the control of the seen of vessels directly I stepped on board. It is clear, then, that on the 25th of August, the following

then, that on the 25th of August, the following may be put down as the state of things as connected with your two vessels.

The "Rescue" was as far ahead in a northerly direction as any vessel belonging to the Discovery Fleet; she was in a good position to make to the northward and westward, or if necessary to run over to Cape Hotham. She was all in order, and free from difficulty, for her colors were displayed in the usual manner in answer to ours.—which in the usual manner in answer to ours, -which they would not have been had anything accurred

rendering a communication necessary; for then a proper signal would have been hoisted. The Advance was at Cape Riley hauling off, so as, no doubt, to get to clearer water before night. Capt. De Haven had a full knowledge of all that had taken place up to that period, concerning the movements of the other ships—knew what had been discovered on shore by Capt. Ommanney —was acquainted, from me, with the position of his consort, and the state of the Ice across Barrow's Straits and Wellington Channel. Possessed of this knowledge, he would be well able to direct his from the consort of the consort o his future movements, which, no doubt, would be to speedily join his consort, and then, as he inti-mated, himself make for Cape Hotham and Banks mated, himself make for Cape Indiana and according to the usual route) while the Rescue attempted it by searching the north side of Parry Islands. The month of clear season that might naturally be expected, would, I think, enable him to do this; for the whole body of Ice was in a manner intersected with lanes of water as far as my eye could trace them from the Crow's Nest, and much of it was them from the Crow's Nest, and much of it was in motion. The probable position of your ships then would be, in my humble opinion, about the middle of October, within the boundaries of that unexplored and mysterious region, west of Banks' Land. That they will be able soon to reach San Francisco, I am doubtful of, for the Ice that I could see to the westward of our position was seen thick and would not be to be the total of the could see the westward of our position was could see to the westward of our position was very thick and would require great exertion in getting through. Still if any vessel can do it, as I have said before, I really believe yours will, at the same time, not doubting but ours may too. But I would strongly suggest, and indeed I believe the English have an idea to that effect, that some vessel should be sent from the West coast of North America to meet them, as we are doing and have done, by Behring's Straits, to assist our Expeditions coming from the Eastward. A and have done, by Behring's Straits, to assist our Expeditions coming from the Eastward. A powerful, but not unwieldy "screw" steamer dispatched from California, to hover about Behring's Straits would, I think, prove of infinite value to the American Expedition; for no one can have an idea—unless they had been up there—of the fatigue and labor there is and must be, in working through Ice of the thickness existing about Barrow's Straits and Westward. The advantage of a "Screw," you will perceive, on read-

ing my book, is great in the extreme; indeed I may say, nothing can equal them.

With regard to the McLelland, I think it is

wise her going out so soon. My own opinion is strong that a vessel may do much by patiently waiting on the spot at an early period of the year, and I have frequently stated this opinion before. I am very glad to hear there was such a friendly feeling existing between our whalers and yours And why should there not be? Why should there not always be that cordiality and should there not always be that contains any any friendliness existing between America and Eng-land? I hope it may always be so; more espe-cially where the enterprise and commercial spirit of the two assimulate so strongly to each other. I have no doubt your obliging offer respecting letters or papers for the McLelland will be thank fully attended to. In a conversation I had the other evening with Lady Franklin, she told me she intended soon to write to you: therefore it is probable you may have a letter by this mail.— Any news or new intention of our Government concerning the Polar Seas that I am acquainted with I will immediately transmit to you. As re gards the Carrier Pigeon, it may be as you say out I have much doubt of the whole affair to a pigion having arrived, but as to its being to pigeon given to Sir John Ross. One day, in Mellville Bay, that I had the pleasure of dining with him on board the Felix, the conversation turned upon the Carrier Pigeons, which I observed very restive in a coop on the after part of eck. Sir John told me he intended to dispatch them only on some extraordinary occasion, such as finding some positive intelligence Franklin. I remarked that it would indeed very great wonder if they should reach England any part of the Arctic Seas; but he seeme to believe they easily could. However, should it be as you suppose, it will have proved that all the vessels had good working time after we left them. Indeed, I knew then, and said so, that we out selves might have done much more in so open a season, even if we could not accomplish what we wished in Regent's Inlet; but every one is not alike, and as a junior officer I could only submit

with vexation to the course we pursued. I have now, I believe, written all the particu-lars you desired to have, and, though I have to beg your excusing my doing it so roughly, and without any correction, as I have lately been so much occupied in getting out my book, yet I have felt a pleasure in the task, and shall always feel the same pleasure whenever you or any one in-terested in Arctic affairs require it. Most freely use any of my communications by giving them to the press, if you wish. I shall only be too glad if I am humbly instrumental in giving relief to the minds of any, or of imparting information concerning those gallant spirits who are now in the Arc-

tic Seas.

An unfounded report got abroad here of the return of Sir John Franklin. The rumor is contradicted, but it induced me to consent to allow your letter to go to the press from a friend at the Admiralty, who conceived it to be of much interest and as tending to keep up the friendly feelings existing upon the subject. It appears in the Herald of Dec. 23, of which I send you a copy. I also forward a copy of my book (a few only are even at this time ready.) which I beg you to accept as a token of my great respect and esteem. The moment I can I will send one to Mr. De Haven, to whom please give my respects. I must now conclude, by subscribing myself,
Den Sir, with sincere respect, your faithful servit.
HENRY GRINNELL, Esq. W. P. SNOW.

Anniversary of the Prison Association. The Sixth Anniversary of the Prison Associa-

tion took place at the Tabernacle on Tuesday evening. The audience in attendance was very small, not reaching over the number of 200. At the hour of organizing, in the absence of the President and Vice President, Dr. John D. Russ was called to preside.

After a Prayer, the Annual Report of the Male Branch was read. It was a lengthy document, and a great portion of it devoted to a discussion of the questions in dispute between the Association and the Inspectors of State Prisons. As near as we could understand the matter, the Association claims the right to visit the Prisons by its Committees, at all times, and to examine con victs confined therein apart from the presence of victs confined therein apart from the presence of the officers of the Prison. This right the Inspectors deny, and refuse to allow such visits. A resort to a mandamus on the part of the Association failed to effect the desired object, and the war appears to have become a vigorous one of words—in which choice epithets are used on both sides with a "perfect looseness." As it now stands, it bids fair to be a nice light for some time, for we do not see that the parties are an inch nearer a conclusion than their last respective annual reports left them. The report condemns the Tombs as totally unfit for a house of detention. It says that of the many who are detained there on various charges, and who are detained there on various charges, and who are frequently found to be innocent of the crimes with which they are charged, four out of every five leave its walls prepared to embark on the highway of crime, having their brief confinement, without classification from comparatively innocent young men to ripe scholars in vice and iniquity. The report recommends the provision of a suitable person to look into the cases of those arrested upon charges o crime, and to take measures for a speedy investi gation of the charges preferred. The Society has

gation of the charges preferred. The Society has received during the year the sum of \$3,940 15, which, with the balance on hand at the commencement of the year, \$113 46, makes a total of \$4,053 61. The sum of \$2,000 of this was received as a bequest from Miss Sarah Demilt, with a proviso that \$1,000 should be appropriated to the female branch. It has been resolved to reserve the \$1,000 thus received as the commencement of a fund for the erection of a suitable building for the reception of discharged female convicts. The report tion of discharged female convicts. The report does not state in what manner the amount received has been expended, but states the balance on hand at the commencement of the present year to be \$80 75. The following table exhibits the number, sex, color, and present condition of all the discharged convicts relieved by the Association during the past year :

PRESENT CONDITION AS FAR AS ASCERTAINED.	PRISON DIS- CH'GED FROM.				SEX AND COLOR.				
	Sing Sing.	Auburn.	Blackwell's Isl.	City Prison.	Males.	Females.	Black.	White.	Total.
Doing well	25 9 5	1	04	1	25 7 6	3 04 04	4 1	24 5 7	28 9 8
Returned to Prison Sent to the Home Unknown	1		1		1	75 1		75 2	75
Total	49	1	5	1	39	83	9	113	122

The Report closes with a warm appeal for the discharged convict, and for contributions to ena-ble the Association to go on with its charitable ef-forts for the alleviation of the condition of those it seeks to raise from crime and degradation to

onesty and virtue.

Mr. Cochrane moved that the Report be adopt-Mr. Cochrane moved that the rieport be adopted, briefly stating the aims and objects of the Association, and entering into a comparison of the two systems of Prison Discipline—the Solitary or separate system in practice in Pennsylvania, and the Congregated or shop system adopted in this State. The speaker gave his decided preference to the separate system, as far better calculated the convict as it took him enculated to reform the convict, as it took him en-tirely from evil associations and left him a prey to the still small voice within, which is never wholly extinguished, though it may for a time

be smothered by the fires of passion.

Hon John W. Edmonds, on behalf of the ladies presented and read portions of the Report of the Female Branch of the Association. There have been received, during the year 1850, at the "Home," 148 discharged female convicts. Of

Situations have been obtained for..... Situations have been obtained to:

Returned to their friends.

Gone back to evil courses.

Sent to Bellevue Hospital.

Island Hospital.

Lunatic Aspitum. Alms-House..... Magdalen Asylum, Philadelphia..... charged.....

The report presents a favorable picture of the improved moral condition of those who have been under its charge—depicts in glowing colors the sufferings, privations and vicissitudes of those cast upon its charity—complains of the restricted nature of its labors, owing to the want of the necessary pecuniary resources, and a building account.

sary pecuniary resources, and a building properly calculated for an Asylum like the "Home."

Rev. Dr. Wildey moved the adoption of the report, in a brief address, and after brief addresses from some other gentlemen, the meeting adjourned.

By Telegraph to the New-York Tribune.

Washington Items

Washington, Wednesday, Jan. 5.

James L. Maguire of Baltimore, has been appointed Secret Agent of the Fost Office Dapartment. Another effort for a modification of the Tariff will be made in the House when the Appraisers bill from the Senate is taken up and with stronger chances of success. The scarcity of silver is severely felt here, and change can with

Notwithstanding statements to the contrary, Mr. Schenck will go to Brazil as Minister, shortly after the adjournment of the present Congress.

### The Canada at Boston.

Boston, Wednesday, Feb. 5.
The Royal Mail Steamship Canada arrived here The Royal Mail Steamship Canada arrived here at 14 o'clock this morning. She reports that 36 hours previous to her arrival at Halifax she was among fields of ice, which damaged her floats, &c. She experienced very heavy weather during the whole passage. Off Formby Light, on the 19th ult. saw ship Wyoming for Liverpool.

The persons lost in the ship Franconia, Capt. Baltimore, on the Coast of England, were the Captain, Mr. Berry, the first mate; a passenger named Thompson, a military officer from Nassau, N. P., the Cook, Steward, and four seamen. Some

N. P., the Cook, Steward, and four seamen. Some

of those saved are badly injured.

The Canada brings one of the largest cargoes of
English and French goods ever brought to this

The C.'s Mails will be due in New-York this

## Pennsylvania Legislature, &c. HARRISBURG, Wednesday, Fo

In the House, a memorial was presented for the establishment of a Department of Education.

Last night the Whig State Central Committee met, and appointed the 24th of June for a meeting of the State Convention, to be held in Lancaster, to make nominations for Governor, Canal Com-missioner, Supreme Court Judges, &c.

#### Fire at Buffalo.

Burrato, Wednesday, Feb. 5.

A fire broke out about 2 o'clock, this morning, in the stables of the Genesee House, destroying them and several other stables, with thirty-two horses, owned principally by farmers from the country. A fireman was injured by a falling gutter striking him on the head, not seriously however. The rumored murder of a school boy at Coldon, proves to be a hoax.

Loss of the Ship Nomantum.

# Boston, Weduesday, Feb. 5. The ship Nomantum, of Boston, from Baltimore, for California, with coal, took fire on the 1st November, and put into Falkland Islands. She was scuttled and is a total loss.

WASHINGTON. The Union Party-Mr. Webster, &c.

Correspondence of The Tribune.
WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 4. The project of a Union Party, or at least the project of making large capital out of the movement at Castle Garden and its incidents, is by no means given up. On the contrary, every exertion is making to prosecute with vigor the line of policy then marked out. Large spaces in the Committee-rooms of the House of Representatives are filled with thousands upon thousands of copies of the sermons of those divines who have contributed to the cause from the Pulpit. The faithful among the members have contributed largely, and the documents are waiting to be franked off.

A gentleman calling upon Mr. WEBSTER the other day, for the purpose of assisting a friend to a place, took occasion, by way of ingratiating himself, to remark, that he thought the President's Message laid down a Platform upon which the Whig Party could rally and return to the old issues with a prospect of success. Silence, an ominous silence, It was first broken by Mr. who slowly remarked that it was thought by some that a Union Party would be formed, which would do away with the old Party issues. Upon this a desultory conversation ensued, and the gentle-man, chagrined that he had struck the wrong man, chagrined that he had struck the wrong chord, shortly left. His friend has not obtained the appointment, and it is quite certain he never will.

A Union Association has been formed here, under the auspices of the New York Union Safety Committee, and is in quite a flourishing condition. The correspondent of the Journal of Commerce is one of its Officers. WOUTER VON TWILLER.

# COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Present—MORGAN MORGANS, Esq. President, Ald. Griffin, Dodge, Sturtevant, Oakley, Chapman, Keily, Smith, Ball, Haws, Miller, Shaw, Cook, Bard, Britton, Delamater, Frinklin, Concklin and Dooley.

The Minutes or the last meeting were read and approved. Participal Sturtes of the Minutes of the Jack Morgan Sturtes of the Stu

By Ald. Franklin—Petition of Hose Company No. 43 for a four-wheeled carriage. Referred to Committee on Fire Department.

By Ald. Concklin—Petition of S. K. Lewis to groove the Russ Pavement new laid in Broadway. Referred to Committee on Streets.

By Ald. Delamater—Petition of Joseph Love and others to regulate and grade lith-av. from northerly line of 29th-st. to the Lortherly line of Soth-st. Referred to Committee on Streets.

By Ald. Best All Committee on Streets.

on Streets

By Aid. Bard—Petition of William Selpho for a lease of
Catharine-slip Ferry. Referred to Committee on Ferries.

By the same—Petition of Humming D. Krack to he released from personal tax. Referred to Committee on Fi-By Ald. Cook-Petition of James Pinkerton for permis

By Ald. Cook—Petition of James Pinkerton for permission to lay down his improved double pavement in Broadway from Canal to Houston-st. or in any part of Broadway. Referred to Committee on Streets.

By the same—Petition of Ebenezer D. Cobb and others to have Willett and Rivington sts. lighted with gas. Referred to Committee on Lamps and Gas.

By Ald. Miller—Petition of Dr. southworth to be relieved from personal tax. Referred to Committee on Finance.

By the same—Petition of inhabitants of Eleventh Ward for the establishment of a Market House in Avenue C, between 13th and 14th sts. Referred to Committee on Markets.

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By Ald. Concklin—Petition of inhabitants of Eighteenth
Ward for the establishment of a Market House in Avenue
C, between 15th and 14th sts. Referred to Committee on
Markets.

Markets.

An invitation was received to attend the Annual Ball of Empire Hose Company No. 40 at the Apollo Rooms on Wednesday evening, 2th inst. which was accepted.

An invitation was received to attend the usual quarterly meeting of the American National Temperance Society at Tripler Hall on Monday evening, 24th inst. which was accepted. repted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Ald Shaw presented the following resolution, which was

Adopted, viz:

Resolved. That the New-York State Telegraph Company
be permitted to place their poles and lines on the 10th av.
from the Bloomingdale-road to the High Bridge, or upon
such other avenue as the Street Commissioner may advise,
and under his direction.

Ald. Chapman presented the following preamble and resolution, viz:

solution, viz:
Whereas, The National Flags, as well as the City Flag,
that are raised on the City Hall on public occasions, have
become so impaired as to render them unit for further use:

Therefore,
Reselved, That the Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies

that are raised on the city half on them unit for further use: Therefore, Reselved, That the Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies be directed to procure a new suit of colors for the City Half, and that the sum of \$300 be and is hereby appropriated to defray the cost thereof.

Which was adopted on a division, viz: Affirmaties—Ald. Griffin, Surtevani, Oakley, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Ald. Smith, Ball, Haws, Miller, Shaw, Gook, Bard Britton, Delamater, Frankin, Cocckin, Dooley—18.

Adderman Smith presented the following resolution which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies be and is hereby directed to have a more detailed specification, and working plans drawn, and figured complete for the accompanying plans and description of Courtrooms and offices, and to advertise to contractors, for proposals to build aforesald Court rooms and offices, and report the same to this Board before closing the contract.

Alderman Oakley presented the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That Forty-Braisst, from Fourth to Fifth avance, be regulated and graded, and that the curb and gutter stones be set therein under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Alderman Britton presented the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the sum of \$2,500 be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of celebrating the brittiday of Washington, 22d February, 1851, and the Controller be and he is hereby directed to draw his warrants in payment of all bills connected therewith, not exceeding in the aggregate that amount when certified to be correct by the Committee of Arrangements of the Common Council—which was adopted on a division, viz: Affirmative—Aldermen Griffe, Sturtevant, Oakley, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Aldermen Griffe, Sturtevant, Oakley, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Ald. Smith, Ball, Haws, Miller, Shaw, Oakley, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Ald. Smith, Ball, Haws, Miller, Shaw, Oakley, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Ald. Smith, Ball, Haws, Mille

Aid. Oakley presented the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies be and he is hereby directed to enter into a contract with William C. Perrine for the construction of his combination pyvement is Broadway according to the specification here, unto annexed from the southerly line of the intersection of Duane at to the northerly line of the intersection of Causist. The blocks to be used in said work to be selution or traprock. The price of said work to be \$5 per superficial square yard, and to be paid at the rate of one thousand yards as each shall be completed; and the sum of \$25,000 is hereby appropriated for that purpose. The section between White and Franklin siz excepted.

Ald Smith moved that the referred to the Committee on Streets, which was lost on a division, viz: Affirmative—Aid. Griffin, Surrievant, Chapman, Smith, Ball, Britton, Delamater, Concalin, Dooley—9; Negative—Aid. Oakley, Keily, the Frealdent, Aid. Haws, Miller, Shaw, Cook, Bard, Delamater—9.

Ald Haws moved to amend by commencing at the southerly these of Causis in ground to sure of the southerly these of Causis and running south 5,000 square yards, which was accepted.

which was accepted.

Aid. Conckilm moved to amend the same by commencing at the southerly line of Canal-street and running south to Franklin-st, which was carried on a division viz. Affirmation—Aid. Griffin, Surrievant, Chapman, the President, Aid. Smith. Bath. Miller, Cook. Britton, Franklin, Cocklin, Dooley—12: Negative—Aid, Oakley, Kelly, Haws, Shaw,

Dooley-12: Negative-Ald, Oakley, Kelly, Haws, Shaw, Bard, Deismater-S. Ald, Conklin, moved to postpose the further consideration of the subject, which was lost on a division, viz. Affirmative-Ald, Chapman, Smith, Ball, Britton, Cockkin-5; Negative-Ald, Griffin, Startevant, Oakley, Kelly, the President Ald, Haws, Miller, Shaw, Cook, Bard, Deiamater, Frankin, Dooley-13.

The question was taken

dent Aid. Haws, Miller, Snaw, Coos, Bard, Demanded, Frankin, Dooley—13.

The question was taken on the resolution as amended, and the same was adopted on a division, viz: dfirmatice—Aid. Griffin, Sturtevant, Oakley, Kelly, Haws, Miller, Shaw, Cook, Bard, Delamater—10: Negative—Aid. Chapman, the Preedent, Aid. Smith, Bail, Britton, Frankiin, Concklin.

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Ald Griffin presented the following resolution, which Resolved. That the Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies

Resisted. That the Commissioner of age-par and suppuss be directed to repair the cross waik in Waser atreet, on the north side of Wall-st, as soon as the weather will permit. Aid Surrievant presented the following resolution, viz. Resolved. That the persons nar ed in the Schedule hereto annexed. That the persons nar ed in the Schedule hereto annexed and stead of those named in the Schedule hereto annexed, marked B, whose terms of office have expired or who have resigned. Schedule hereto annexed, marked B, whose terms of office have expired or who have resigned and stead of those named in the Schedule hereto annexed, marked B, whose terms of office have expired or who have resigned and the second of the seco

Which was adopted on a division, viz: Affirmative—Aid. Griffin. Dodge, Sturtevant, Oakley, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Aid. Smith. Ball, Haws. Miller, Shaw, Cook, Bard, Britton, Delamater, Frankin, Conckin. Dooley—19. Aid Sturtevant presented the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved. That the Counsel of the Corporation be instructed to prepare and cause to be presented, a memorial to the Legislatine, at his present session, authorizing the Common Council to incr. ase the number of Commissioners of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York to 225.

Aid. Haws moved a suspension of the rules for the purpose of taking up Document No. 15, being a report of the Croton Aqueduct Board, with ordinance modifying the water rates, which was carried on a division, viz: Affirmative—Aid. Griffin, Surrievant, Oakley, Chapman. Kelly, the President, Aid. Ball, Haws, Cook, Bard and Britton—H. Negative Aid. Dodge, Smith, Miller, Shaw, Franklin and Concklin—6.

The same was then considered. After discussion there-

New Aid. Griffin, Sturtevant, Oakley, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Aid. Ball, Haws, Gook, Bard and Britton—II. Negative Aid. Dodge, Smith, Miller, Shaw, Franklin and Conckin—6.

The same was then considered. After discussion thereon, the question was put on accepting the report and adopting the ordinance, which was carried on a division, viz. Aftirmative—Aid. Griffin, Oakley, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Ald. Haws, Gook. Bard, Delamater and Concklin. Negative—Aid. Dodge, Smith, Bail, Miller, Shaw, Britton and Franklin—7.

REFORTS.

The Finance Committee presented a report recommending that the bill of Wm. L. Wiley for refreshments furnished to Baltimore Firemen, amounting to \$1.52.53, he referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

Aid. Shaw moved to amend the same by directing the bill to be paid, which was carried on a division, viz. Aftrantive—Aid. Griffin, Dodge, Sturtevant, Oakley, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Aid. Smith, Ball, Haws, Miller, Shaw, Cook, Bard, Britton, Delamater, Franklin, Concklin—18.

The recommendation of the Committee as amesided was then adopted.

The Committee on Finance presented a report in favor of paying bill of E. & J. Degroot for toil at Macomb's Dam, which was adopted on a division, viz. Aftrantive—Aid. Griffin, Dodge, Sturtevant, Oakley, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Aid. Smith, Ball, Haws, Miller, Shaw, Cook, Bard, Delamater, Franklin, Concklin—17.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Silps presented a report recommending that the petition of the Episcopal Mission Society, for a location for their Floating Chapel, be referred to the Finance Committee, which was adopted.

The Committee on Police presented a report on the petition of civizens of the Sixteenth Ward, for an increase of the number of Policemen in said ward, and asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, which was adopted, the Committee discharged, and the papersona who may wish to avail themselves of the privilege in the Ray, and Comelia—10.

The Committee on Police presented a report

was, the President, Ald. Smith, Ball, Hawa, Miller, Bard, and Conckits—10.

The Committee on Police presented a report in favor of paying bill of Harriet E. Lawrence, for cleaning jocart rooms at Jefferson Market, which was adopted on a division, viz. Africative—Ald. Dodge, Sturtevant, Oakley, Chapman, the President, Ald. Smith, Ball, Haws, Miller, Bard, and Concklin—11.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips presented a report in favor of extanding piers Nos 19, 20, 21 and 22 east River to exterior line, and appropriating \$20,000 therefor, which was adopted on a division, viz. Africative—for, which was adopted on a division, viz. Africative—Ald. Dodge, Surtevant, Oakley, Chapman, the President, Ald. Smith, Ball, Haws Miller, Bard, Britton—11.

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Smith, Ball, Haws, Miller, Bard, Franklin, and Concklin—12. The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips presented a

The Committee on Wharves, Plers and Slips presented a report recommending a concurrence with the Board of Assistants in resolution to extend piers if and 52. North River, to exterior line, and appropriating \$14,000 therefor, which was adopted on a division, viz. Affirmaties—Aid. Dodge, Sturtevant, Oakley, Chapman, the President, Aid. Smith, Ball, Haws, Miller, Bard and Concklin—11.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips presented a report in favor of paying Robert Handley, contractor, \$2,500 for extra work done on pier at the foot of 32th-st. East River, which was adopted on a division, viz. Affirmatier—Aid. Bodge, Suntevant, Oakley, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Ald. Smith, Miller, Bard, Britton, Delamster and Concklin—12. Negative—Ald. Ball, Haws and Frank-lin—5.

and Conckiln—12. Negative—Ald. Bail, Haws and Franklin—3.

The Committee on Streets presented a report in favor of
regulating, grading and paying carriage way of 30th-at, between 6th and 7th ars, with an ordinance therefor, which
was adopted on a division, viz: Afternative—Ald. Griffin,
Dodge, Surtevant, Oakley, Chapman, Kelly, the Prasident,
Ald. Smith. Bail, Haws, Miller, Bard, Britton, Deiamater,
Franklin, Concklin—16.

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Ments.

Ald. Oakley moved to amend the resolution appended to to the report, by inserting after the word "repair" the words "under the direction of the Common Council," which was lost on a division, viz.

(e.g. Ball, Shaw, Cook, Bard and Delamater—3. Negative—Ald. Griffin, Dodge, Wood, Chapman, Kelly, the Presi-

dent, Ald. Smith. Haws, Miller, Britton, Franklin and Conchin—12.

Ald. Oakiey moved to amend by providing that the Company shall not charge more than three cents for each passenger from the Park to 18th-st. which was lost on a division, viz. Affirmative—Ald. Oakiey, Ball, Miller, Cook and Bard-5. Negutine—Ald. Orifin, Dodge, Surtevant, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Ald Smith, Haws, Shaw, Britton, Delamater, Franklin and Concklin—13.

The queer low was then put, on concurring with the Board of Assistants in their amendments, which was carried on a division, viz. Affirmative—Ald. Orifin, Dodge, Startevant, Chapman, Kelly, Smith, Haws, Miller, Britton, Franklin and Concklin—11. Negotine—Ald. Oakiey, the President, Ald. Ball, Shaw, Cook, Bard and Delamater—7.

Ald. Franklin moved that the Board take a recase of 30 minutes, which was carried on a division, wiz. Affirmative—Ald. Surrevant, Oakiey, Chapman, Kelly, the President, Ald. Ball, Miller, Delamater, Franklin and Coocklin—14. Negotine—Ald Griffin, Dodge, Smith, Haws, Shaw, Cook, Bard and Britton—8; after which resumed.

A report of the Committee on Finance, in favor of paying bill of Richard W. Concklin, for omnibus faroished by order of the Committee on Fine Department, which was concurred in on a division, viz. Ald. Dodge, Surrevant, Oakiey, Chapman, the President, Ald. Smith, Ball, Haws, Miller, Bard and Concklin—11.

Ald. Britton moved to suspend the rules in order to take up Document No. 24, the same being the Report of the Sperial Committee on the subject of Gas Contract with the New York Gas Company, which was carried on a division, viz. Affirmative—Ald. Griffin, Dodge, Surtevant, Oakiey, Chapman, Kelly, Miller, Bard, Britton, Delamater, Concklin—10. Negative—Ald. Griffin, Dodge, Surtevant, Oakiey, Chapman, Kelly, Miller, Bard, Britton, Delamater, Concklin—10. Negative—Ald. Griffin, Concklin—14. Negative—Ald. Dodge, Smith—2.

Ald. Cankley moved that Soc copies of the Gas Contract be printed, which was carried on a division, viz. Affirmative—Ald. Oakle

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STATED SESSION... TUESDAY, Feb. 4.
Present—A. A. ALVORD, Esq. President, in the
Chair: Asst. Ald. Moore, Haley, Mabbatt, McCarthy, Boyca,
Barr, J. B. Webb. Jas. Webb, Crane, Miller, Smith, Tieman, Pearsall, Sands, Ward, Bolster, Ely, Edwards.

man, Pearsail, Sands, Ward, Bolster, Ely, Edwards.

Fy Assistant Aid. Edwards—Of George Walker and others relative to inequality in the measure of charcoal. To Committee on Ordinances.

By same—Of Hugh McCabe, for allowance above contract price, for building sewer and excavating rock in 77th-st. between 6th and 6th-av. To Committee on Sewers.

By Assistant-Aid Ely—Of Hose Co. No 17 to have house painted and Croton water introduced. To Committee on Fire Department.

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By Same—Of T. J. Ireland and others, for removal of pump near corner of Hudson and Amos-sts.

To Committee on Stream.

on Sirects.

Hy Assistant Ald Tieman—Of John Hanson, to be paid
for repairing pumps and wells in the Twelfth Ward. To
Committee on Repairs, &c.
By same—Of Fire Engine Co. No. 43, for a new Engine.
To Committee on Fire Department.

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REFORTS

Of Committee on Croton Aqueduct, to permit Robert Simpson and others to put down a free hydrant in Ninta-av between Thirty-Eighth and Thirty-Ninth at., at their own expense, under directions of the Croton Aqueduct Department. Adopted.

Of Committee on Law Department, to concur to remove certain papers from office of Clerk of Gourt of Appeals to office of Clerk of City and County of New-York. Adopted.

Of Committee on Lamps and Gas, to concur to light 57th, Sith and 78th ats. between 2d and 3d-av. with oil. Adopted. Of Committee on Police, to concur to pay medical bill of Dr. A. C. Page. Adopted.

By Assistant Ald. McCarthy—Of Henry Cornell for lease of premises No. 111 Roosevelt-st. To Committee on Figure 2.

of the Committee on Law Department, in Avor of adopting ordinance to fill in and drain sunken into between lith and lith ava. Adopted by the following vote: Affirmative-The President, Assistant Aid. Moore, Halley, Mabbatt, McCarrity, Boyce, Barr. J. B. Said, Sands, Ward. Bolater, Ely, Zidwards.
Of the Committee on Police, to honcur to pay medical bill of Daniel Hoey. Adopted.
Of same Committee, in Group of procuring the upper part and the committee on Cross of the Committee on Cross of the Committee on Cross of the Cross of the American State of the Cross of

dermen sith inst.) Concurred in INVITATIONS.

From American National Temperance Union, to attend the quarterly meeting of said society at Tripler Hall on Monday evening, 24th inst. Accepted.

Of Empire Hone Company No. 48 to aftend Ball at Apolico on Wednesday evening. Accepted.

Of Hudson Engine Company No. 1, to attend Ball at Jackson Hotel, Harlem, on Wednesday evening. Adopted.

The Board then adjourned to Wednesday afternoon, at o'clock. From the minutes.